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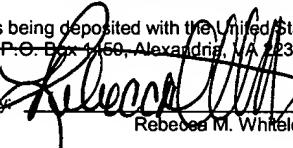
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Application No.: 09/544,493) Confirmation No.: 1791
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enter the following Amendments and consider the following remarks. Accompanying this Amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to extend the period of response to May 23, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.